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1. GILBERT AND ALEX PASQUET HAVE GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATIONS. THEY OWN DOPASMAX, S.A., WHICH IMPORTS CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND THEY WERE FORMERLY PART OWNERS OF SONAVESA, S.A., AN AUTOMOBILE IMPORTING CONCERN WHICH HANDLES BMW AND SIMCA IN HAITI. THE PASQUET BROTHERS HAVE SOLD THEIR INTEREST IN SONAVESA IN ORDER TO DEVOTE THEIR ENERGIES TO HAITIAN EQUITIES, S.A. BANK SOURCES STATE THAT THEY MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY. THE 7,500 TON PER YEAR PLANNED CAPACITY OF THE MILL IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR FORSEEABLE DEMAND. GRAIN SUPPLY WOULD BE A PROBLEM, UNLESS IMPORTED.

2. AT LEAST 70 PERCENT OF THE POULTRY GROWN IN HAITI IS GROWN BY SUBSISTENCE FARMERS PREDOMINANTLY FOR HOME CONSUMPTION AND IS FED SCRAPS OR CORN.

3. THERE ARE 13 COMMERCIAL POULTRY FARMS PRODUCING ABOUT 800,000 BROILERS AND 25,000 LAYING HENS PER YEAR. THESE FARMS USE AN ESTIMATED 2,500 TONS OF IMPORTED FEED CONCENTRATE ANNUALLY.
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4. ABOUT 99,000 KILOS OF FROZEN POULTRY WERE IMPORTED BY HAITI IN FY 1974 PROVIDING POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION IN THE LOCAL POOLTRY INDUSTRY.

5. THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE LIMITED BUT POSITIVE. THE EMBASSY SEES NO REASON NOT TO FINANCE AND INSURE THE PROJECT WHICH APPEARS TO COMPLEMENT THE PROJECT BEING PROMOTED BY THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL.
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